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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN CLAIMS NEW EVIDENCE OF HOSTILE INDIAN
INTENTIONS

1. PAKISTANI EMBASSY DCM IQBAL RIZA CALLED ON DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS OCTOBER 6 TO PRESENT AIDE MEMOIRE
ALLEGING THAT RECENT GOI NOTE PROTESTING ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE NEW COUNCIL ON AZAD JAMMU AND KASHMIR FAILS TO CONTAIN
STANDARD REFERENCE TO SETTLEMENT OF ISSUE "THROUGH PEACEFUL
MEANS." RIZA SAID THAT AZIZ AHMED CONSIDERED THIS OMISSION
TO HAVE BEEN DELIBERATE, AND THAT IT WAS EVIDENCE OF THE
HOSTILE INDIAN INTENTIONS TOWARD PAKISTAN ABOUT WHICH HE
SPOKE TO THE SECRETARY IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 30. RIZA
SAID EMBASSY HOPED THIS INFORMATION COULD BE BROUGHT TO THE
SECRETARY'S ATTENTION BEFORE HIS MEETING WITH CHAVAN LATER
THAT DAY.

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2. TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS: "IN AN AIDE MEMOIRE DATED OCTOBER 10, 1974, REITERATING THE INDIAN POSITION ON THE ISSUE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR, THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT HAD STATED THAT IT RESERVED THE RIGHT TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS

THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS TO SAFEGUARD ITS POSITION ON THE ISSUE.

"A NEW AIDE MEMOIRE DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 1975, FROM THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT, PROTESTING AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT, ON AUGUST 18, 1975, OF THE COUNCIL ON AZAD JAMMU AND KASHMIR, CONCLUDES WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

'IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WOULD REITERATE THAT THEY RESERVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE SUCH STEPS AS ARE NECESSARY TO SAFEGUARD THEIR WELL ESTABLISHED POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR.'"

3. ON OCTOBER 8 DUBS CALLED IN RIZA AND MADE FOLLOWING INFORMAL PRESENTATION:

QUOTE DURING HIS MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN ON OCTOBER 6, SECRETARY KISSINGER FOUND OCCASION TO MENTION THE VARIATIONS IN LANGUAGE USED BY THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN AIDE MEMOIRE RELATING TO KASHMIR. THE INDIAN SIDE DID NOT HAVE THE DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR READY REFERENCE BUT KEWAL SINGH SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE PAKISTANIS WERE DRIVING AT. THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN INDIAN POLICY, SINGH ADDED.

IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION LATER ON WITH MR. ATHERTON, KEWAL SINGH SAID THAT HE DID NOT REMEMBER THE PRECISE WORDING OF THE DOCUMENTS AND HAD ASKED NEW DELHI TO CABLE THE TEXTS. NEVERTHELESS, IF THE WORDING OF THE INDIAN AIDE MEMOIRE TROUBLED THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN IT COULD MAKE INQUIRIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. SINGH SAID THAT IF THE PAKISTANIS WANT THE PHRASEOLOGY INSERTED OR CHANGED THAT CAN EASILY BE TAKEN CARE OF. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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